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1. EARLY REPORTS ON COLLEGE ENROLLMENT POLICY INDICATE A VICTORY, AT LEAST FOR THIS YEAR, IN THE ANTI-ELITIST LINE TOWARD HIGHER EDUCATION (REFTEL). THE NEW WRINKLE IN THIS YEAR'S REPORTS IS THE CITATION FOR ALL COLLEGES TO LEARN FROM CHAOYANG AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (HK A-82), AND THIS SIGNIFIES AN EMPHASIS ON LOW-LEVEL TECHNICAL TRAINING SO THAT GRADUATES CAN BE QUICKLY ROTATED BACK INTO PRODUCTION JOBS, LARGELY IN THE RURAL AREAS. THE TONE OF THE PROVINCIAL BROADCASTS THUS FAR (KWANGTUNG JUNE 11 AND KWANGSI JUNE 17) DO NOT REFLECT CHOU EN-LAI'S REPORTED REMARKS IN JANUARY AT THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS ON THE NEED TO UPGRADE HIGHER EDUCATION (HK 4130), AND COULD INDICATE THAT POLICYMAKERS, IN THE INTEREST OF AVOIDING CONTROVERSY, HAVE DECIDED FOR NOW TO LET HIGHER EDUCATION

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TION CONTINUE ON THE NON-SCHOLASTIC, LOW-LEVEL VOCA-

TIONAL ROAD TRAVELLED SINCE 1973 (HK A-223; SEPTEMBER 6, 1974).

2. BOTH BROADCASTS REFER TO THE CENTER'S HAVING COMPLETED POLICY GUIDANCE FOR THIS YEAR'S ENROLLMENT WORK AND HAVING ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS. BOTH MADE REFERENCE TO PUTTING POLITICAL AWARENESS ABOVE ALL OTHER SELECTION CRITERIA WHILE REQUIRING IN GENERAL A JUNIOR MIDDLE-SCHOOL LEVEL OF ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENT. RUSTICATED YOUTH ARE AGAIN TO BE GIVEN AN ADVANTAGE WITH EXPANDED QUOTAS, AND THE EMPHASIS, IN KEEPING WITH THIS YEAR'S MEDIA TOUTING OF THE CHAOYANG MODEL, IS ON EDUCATING THE STUDENTS AND THEN SHIPPING THEM BACK TO THE COUNTRYSIDE. THE BROADCASTS MAKE NO MENTION OF THE TYPE OF ENTRANCE EXAM TO BE USED THIS YEAR, AS POLICY MAKERS CONTINUE TO SHY AWAY FROM THE ISSUE WHICH PROVED TO BE THE FIRST SHOT IN LAST YEAR'S ANTI-LIN/CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN.  
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